



## **Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board**

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TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER FOR MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES, COUNTY OF PLACER FACILITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, PLACER COUNTY

Enclosed is a tentative Administrative Civil Liability Order (Tentative Order) proposed to be issued pursuant to California Water Code section 13385 for violations of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2010-0092 (NPDES CA0079316) at the Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Tentative Order proposes to assess administrative civil liability in the amount of **two hundred and one thousand dollars (\$201,000)**. This represents the sum of the statutory Mandatory Minimum Penalties for effluent limitation violations at the Facility from 1 March 2014 through 30 June 2015.

The Tentative Order suspends \$100,500 of the penalty amount pending completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) pursuant to California Water Code section 13385(I). The SEP chosen by the Discharger is the *Midwestern Placer Regional Sewer Project Equalization Basins*, which is described in Attachment B to the Tentative Order. The remaining \$100,500 must be paid to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account.

The Tentative Order constitutes a settlement of the violations herein charged. However, the Tentative Order will not be considered for signature until after a 30-day public comment period, during which time interested parties may comment on this action. Should the Central Valley Water Board receive new information during this comment period, the Central Valley Water Board may withdraw and re-issue the Tentative Order with modifications, or may schedule the matter for a hearing before the Central Valley Water Board.

Any comments or evidence concerning the enclosed Tentative Order must be submitted to this office, attention Kari Holmes, **no later than 5 p.m. on 21 September 2015**. This includes material submitted by interested parties, including members of the public, who wish to comment on the proposed settlement. If the Central Valley Water Board does not hold a hearing on the matter, and the terms of the final settlement are not significantly different from the enclosed Tentative Order, then there will not be additional opportunities for public comment on the proposed settlement. Written materials received after **5 p.m. on 21 September 2015** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

KARL E. LONGLEY ScD, P.E., CHAIR | PAMELA C. CREEDON P.E., BCEE, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In order to conserve paper and to reduce mailing costs, paper copies of the Complaint have been sent to the Discharger only. The full text of the Order is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\_decisions/tentative\_orders/

Anyone may request a paper copy of the tentative Order by calling the Central Valley Water Board staff listed below.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the tentative Order, please contact Kari Holmes at (916) 464-4623 or kholmes@waterboards.ca.gov.

WENDY WYELS, Supervisor

Compliance and Enforcement Section

Enclosure: Tentative ACL Order R5-2015-05XX

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